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BUCHAREST FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV APPROACH ON SECURITY COUNCIL TIMING

1. YUGOSLAV CHARGE MUJEZINOVIC CALLED AMBASSADOR
MCHENRY PM JULY 17 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPRESS HIS
GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER THE TIMING OF THE PROPOSED
SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NAMIBIA ON JULY 25.
HE TERMED THIS DATE "HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE" AND STATED THAT
NAMIBIA IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT THE MINISTERS
OF THE NON-ALIGNED SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER
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IT BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS. HE THEREFORE
SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE POSTPONED UNTIL
JULY 29 (WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED IS A SATURDAY). HE
ADDED THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS ALSO APPROACHING AFRICAN FOREIGN
MINISTERS IN KHARTOUM URGING DELAY.

2. AMB MCHENRY EXPLAINED THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE

TIMING OF SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION. HE STATED THAT THE FIVE HAVE ALREADY DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT AND THAT EVERY POSTPONEMENT MEANS A DELAY IN GETTING UN PERSONNEL ON THE GROUND IN NAMIBIA AND RISKS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE FRAGILE AGREEMENT WOULD COME UNSTUCK. POSTPONING COUNCIL CONSIDERATION UNTIL AFTER BELGRADE WOULD REALISTICALLY MEAN DELAYING UNTIL THE FIRST OF AUGUST. IN THAT CASE THE UN MIGHT NOT BE ON THE GROUND UNTIL LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. MCHENRY ADDED THAT ALL OF US WOULD BEAR A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY IF WE DELAY AND SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THE AGREEMENT IN THE MEANTIME.

3. MCHENRY ADDED THAT HE WOULD REPORT YUGOSLAVIA'S CONCERNS AND THAT THE US WOULD KEEP THEM IN MIND, AND HE ASKED THE CHARGE TO KEEP IN TOUCH ON THIS MATTER.
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